

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*Welcome to worship and Christian fellowship, brothers and sisters.  
We gather to praise the living Lord!*

## *Second Sunday in Lent*

*March 1, 2026*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Jesus, you call me to follow you. Help me surrender all I have,  
for what good is it to gain the world but lose my soul?  
I give you my life once again this day.*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #548 - "Glory to His Name"*

*\* Call to Worship: (in unison)*

**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION; WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID? ONE THING WE ASK OF THE LORD, THIS WE WILL SEE: TO LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD; TO SEEK THE BEAUTY OF GOD; TO SEEK THE TRUTH OF GOD.**

**DURING THIS SEASON OF LENT, MAY THIS BE OUR TRUE WORSHIP AND DEVOTION AS WE PRAY TO UNDERSTAND THE WAY OF THE CROSS. AMEN**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

*\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession (in unison)*

GRACIOUS GOD, YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST WEPT OVER JERUSALEM AND LONGS TO GATHER YOUR CHILDREN UNDER THE WINGS OF YOUR LOVE. WE CONFESS THAT OFTEN OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS HAVE BETRAYED THE GOODNESS YOU HAVE SHOWN TO US. WE HAVE SPURNED YOUR WORD AND GRIEVED YOUR HEART. FORGIVE US, LOVING GOD. THOUGH WE HAVE WANDERED FAR FROM HOME, HELP US TO KNOW THAT WE ARE NEVER OUT OF THE REACH OF YOUR LOVE. GIVE US GRACE TO HEAR YOUR CALL SO THAT WE MIGHT RETURN TO YOU. LEAD US AGAIN TO EMBRACE THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD AND TO TRUST YOUR NEVER-FAILING LOVE. GOOD SHEPHERD, YOU COME TO SEEK US AND WHEN YOU FIND US, MAY YOUR LOVE LIFT US TO YOUR SHOULDERS AS YOU CARRY US HOME.  
AMEN

### *Announcements*

#### \* *Hymn of Preparation #20 - "Revive Us Again"*

*Lent Theme: "Lent Calls Us to Repentance, Renewal and Reflection!"*

*Scripture: Psalm 121 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-8)*

*John 3:1-17 (vv. 1-3,4-6,7-8,9-10,12-14,15-17)*

*Sermon- "Lent Call Us to Repentance, Renewal and Reflection:  
As We Journey with Jesus to the Cross!"*

#### \* *Doxology (#39)*

#### \* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

#### \* *Prayer*

### *Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

#### *Lord's Prayer*

#### \* *Closing Hymn #532 - "He Touched Me"*

#### *Choral Benediction - "Shalom to You" (congregation)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

#### \* *Benediction (Pastor)*

### *Church of the Master Ministries*

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> in Hahn Hall.
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	<b>Bushiken Karate</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:45 PM	<b>Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, <a href="mailto:zajdml@optimum.net">zajdml@optimum.net</a></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	<b>Bushiken Karate</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	<b>Bushiken Karate</b>

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

### The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey \* Diane \* Elena Caldera \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Carol Cintron \* Terry Mahon \* Premature twins \* Sofia \* Elder Ron Rivera \* Denise Reidy \* Lily \*

Kathy Cortese \* Heather \* Carole Mahon \* Pat \* Francesca \* Mike \* Rev. Liz Brantum \* Frank

Font \* Sharon Alexander \* Rosa Stewart \* Gene Peterson \* Damon Hayden \* Janet (friend of

Mahon family) \* Beverly Morrison \* Patti Zeig \* Rev. Singletary \* Connie \* Loretta Byrd &

Wendy \* Diante \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \*

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Pat's family \* Heather \* Donny & Carolyn Rosemond \* Nancy & Gene Peterson \* Barbara \* Jay

Escobar & family \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Wintress \* Kiera & Avery &

Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather \* Zachariah Bungert \* Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons \* Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa \* Di-

ante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Stephanie

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers \* An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and

the Middle East conflict \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and

the nation \* All first responders \* Our country's safety \* The future of our churches \* The Presi-

dent and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide

conflicts \* Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Mrs. Roddy \* Patricia Sullivan \* Elder Alistair Sealy \*

**PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:**

**Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,*

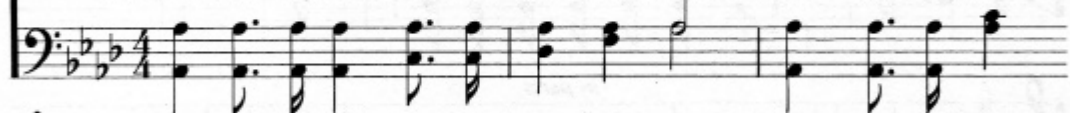
# Glory to His Name — 548

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

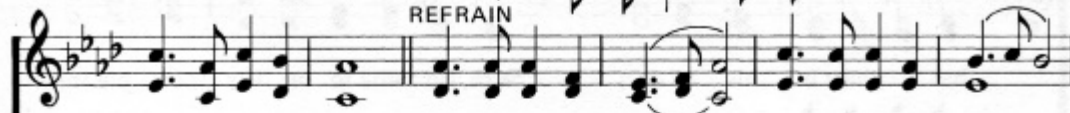
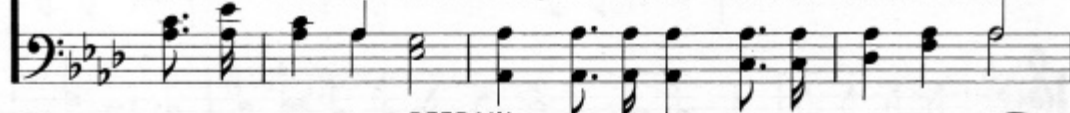
JOHN H. STOCKTON



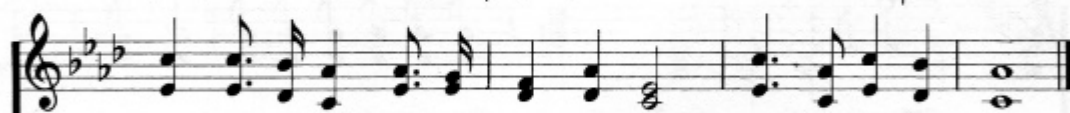
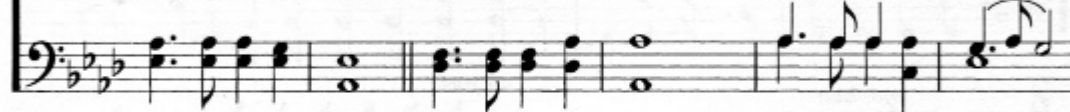
1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, Down where for cleans -
2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet -
3. O pre - cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad
4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul



ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood ap - plied -  
ly a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He took me in -  
I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean -  
at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day and be made com - plete -



Glo - ry to His name. Glo - ry to His name, Glo - ry to His name;



There to my heart was the blood ap - plied - Glo - ry to His name.



WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

# The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# 20 — Revive Us Again

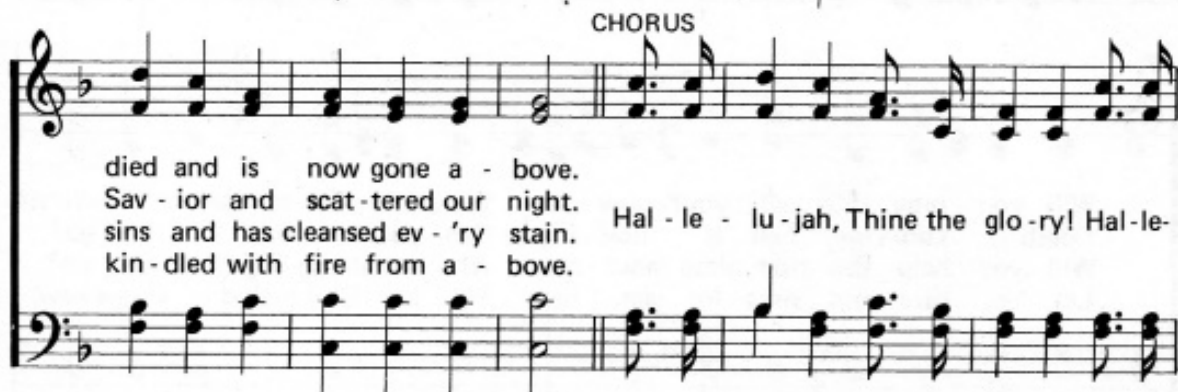
WILLIAM P. MACKAY

JOHN J. HUSBAND



1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, For Je - sus who  
2. We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spir - it of light, Who has shown us our  
3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our  
4. Re - vive us a - gain— fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be re -

CHORUS



died and is now gone a - bove.  
Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah, Thine the glo - ry! Hal - le -  
sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.  
kin - dled with fire from a - bove.



lu - jah, a - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, Thine the glo - ry! Re - vive us a - gain.\*

## Psalm 121 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-8)

### John 3: 1-17 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 8-10, 12-14, 15-17)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Meaning of the Sacrament,  
The Invitation  
Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

**AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Lift up your hearts!

**WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**FOR IT IS HOLY AND RIGHT TO DO SO**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS! HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

(A short period of silence and the prayer continues)

## Sharing the Bread & Sharing the Cup

### Thanksgiving after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**AND FORGET NOT ALL GOD'S BENEFITS**

who forgives all your iniquity,

**WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES**

who redeems your life from the Pit,

**WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE**

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

**NOR REQUITE US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES**

for as the heavens are high above the earth,

**SO GREAT IS GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM**

as far as the east is from the west,

**SO FAR DOES GOD REMOVE OUR**

**TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US**

as a father pities his children,

**SO THE LORD PITIES THOSE WHO FEAR HIM**

God did not spare His only son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

**THEREFORE SHALL MY MOUTH AND HEART SHOW FORTH THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE. AMEN.**

# 532 — He Touched Me

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

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1. Shack-led by a heav - y bur - den, 'Neath a load of  
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, Since He cleansed and

guilt and shame— Then the hand of Je - sus touched me,  
made me whole, I will nev - er cease to praise Him—

CHORUS  
And now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O He  
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, And O the joy that floods my soul! Some-thing

happened, and now I know He touched me and made me whole.

WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

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